

2008
WILD AND SCENIC
SNAKE RIVER
ANNUAL VISITOR USE REPORT



HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
USDA FOREST SERVICE



Introduction

This report contains float and powerboat recreational use data for the Wild and Scenic Snake River, which is located within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. This 71.5 mile segment of the Snake River is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Both commercial and private recreational use data is included. This data is intended to provide information, which reflects general trends in overall use patterns rather than an exact count of yearly users of the Snake River. Private and commercial floaters that launch from Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site during the managed use season and all private and commercial power boaters must meet special requirements for access. As a result, use figures shown for these recreational user groups represent the most accurate figures for determining overall use trends on the Snake River.

Private float and powerboat use data is collected from permits issued during the primary season, the Friday preceding Memorial Day through September 10th and self-issue permits during the remainder of the year. River permits are available at the following HCNRA portals: Cache Creek on the northern boundary, Dug Bar, Pittsburg Landing and Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site. The data gathered from these permits is used to compile the total number of private visitors and service days spent on the river during the primary season.

All commercial powerboaters and floatboaters must have a valid Forest Service Special Use Permit to charge fees on the Wild and Scenic Snake River. They are required to report the total number of guests transported and total number of service days spent on the river. Information obtained from manifests and actual use reports is used to compile the commercial use data.

Definitions

Private - A non-commercial trip is a trip for which there is no payment, collection, receipt, or request for consideration. Non-profit status of any group or organization does not in itself determine whether a trip or trips arranged by such group or organization is non-commercial.

Commercial – Commercial outfitting and guiding is defined as all activities where someone makes a profit, receives a reimbursement or salary, receives rental for the use of animals or equipment, or supports, in any part, other programs or activities from amounts received from customers of the permitted activities.

Service-Day – One day spent by one person on the river; a person spending two days on the river would equal two service-days.

Primary Season – The period when private users are required to obtain a reservation and river permit prior to floating or boating the river – from the Friday preceding Memorial Day through September 10.

Floatboat – To travel by floatboat is to move primarily downstream with the river current. Craft used include rafts, kayaks, canoes, and dories. They may be propelled by paddles, oars, motors (no longer allowed in the wild river) or other devices, but are not generally capable of upstream travel.

Powerboat – To travel by powerboat on the river is to use motorized craft capable of upstream travel through major rapids.

2008 Primary Season ~ May 23rd through September 10th

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT USE - JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2008

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT OUTFITTERS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
BENTZ, Darell - Intermountain Excursions	49	86
BONSON, Bill and CASSELL, Gabe - Snake Dancer Excursions	1,098	1201
FRIEND, Richard - River Adventures, LTD.	435	435
JARRETT, Bart Jarrett - Northwest Fishing ~ Guide Service	216	216
JOHNSON, Tim - Fishhawk Guides, LLC	80	86
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adv., LLC	2,347	2,647
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adv.,LLC II	140	140
KOCH, Jim and Jill dba Heller Bar Excursions, Idaho Rivers Navigation, Rivers Navigation	10,166	10,550
LAMM, Alan - Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.	38	141
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Snake River Adventures	7,104	7,336
ODEGAARD, Butch and Debi - River Quest Excursions	2,582	2,670
SCHULTZ, Jason - Hells Canyon Sport Fishing	404	796
TAYLOR, Reed - Two River Tours, Inc.	27	27
VOGEL, Don - Vogel Outdoor Adventures	141	205
YATES, Mark - Hells Canyon Adv. III, LLC	5,287	5,445
SMITH, Mike - Z & S Outfitters, Inc	230	692
TOTAL (2008)	30,334	34,663
TOTAL (2007)	38,235	40,623





COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT USE - PRIMARY SEASON 2008

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT OUTFITTERS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
BENTZ, Darell - Intermountain Excursions	4	4
BONSON, Bill and CASSELL, Gabe - Snake Dancer Excursions	994	1004
FRIEND, Richard - River Adventures, LTD.	317	317
JARRETT, Bart - Northwest Fishing ~ Guide Service	32	32
JOHNSON, Tim - Fishhawk Guides, LLC	18	18
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adventures, LLC	1685	1685
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adventures, LLC II	140	140
KOCH, Jim and Jill dba Heller Bar Excursions, Idaho Navigation, Rivers Navigation	7,421	7,648
LAMM, Alan - Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.	38	141
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Snake River Adventures	4,050	4,228
ODEGAARD, Butch and Debi - River Quest Excursions	1,468	1,468
SCHULTZ, Jason - Hells Canyon Sport Fishing	17	17
TAYLOR, Reed - Two River Tours, Inc.	23	64
VOGEL, Don - Vogel Outdoor Adventures	76	82
YATES, Mark - Hells Canyon Adventures III, LLC	4,206	4,352
SMITH, Mike - Z & S Outfitters, Inc	33	95
TOTAL (2008)	20,522	21,295
TOTAL (2007)	23,523	24,246

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT TRIPS - 2008

	Primary Season	January-December
BENTZ, Darell - Intermountain Excursions	1	8
BONSON, Bill and CASSELL, Gabe - Snake Dancer Excursions	64	84
FRIEND, Richard - River Adventures, LTD.	28	40
JARRETT, Bart Jarrett - Northwest Fishing ~ Guide Service	6	43
JOHNSON, Tim - Fishhawk Guides, LLC	7	25
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adv., LLC	112	174
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adv.,LLC II	9	9
KOCH, Jim and Jill dba Heller Bar Excursions, Idaho Rivers Navigation, Rivers Navigation	236	358
LAMM, Alan - Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.	4	4
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Snake River Adventures	153	261
ODEGAARD, Butch and Debi - River Quest Excursions	55	114
SCHULTZ, Jason - Hells Canyon Sport Fishing	4	73
TAYLOR, Reed - Two River Tours, Inc.	6	13
VOGEL, Don - Vogel Outdoor Adventures	10	24
YATES, Mark - Hells Canyon Adv. III, LLC	235	333
SMITH, Mike - Z & S Outfitters, Inc	7	52
TOTAL	937	1615
	(2007) 1304	(2007) 2,128



COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT DAYS - PRIMARY SEASON 2008

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT OUTFITTERS	ALLOCATED BOAT DAYS	BOAT DAYS USED IN W & S RIV. ON ALLOC. DAYS	BOAT DAYS USED IN SCEN. RIV. MON-THUR
BENTZ, Darell - Intermountain Excursions	11	4	1
BONSON, Bill and CASSELL, Gabe - Snake Dancer Excursions	85	57	7
FRIEND, Richard – River Adventures, Inc.	40 **	40	0
JARRETT, Bart - Northwest Fishing – Guide Service	4	5	1
JOHNSON, Tim - Fishhawk Guides, LLC	6	5	2
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adventures, LLC	31 **	106	6
dba Hells Canyon Jet Boat Trips and Lodging			
KILLGORE, Kurt –Killgore Adventures, LLC II	9 **	9	0
KOCH, Jim and Jill	427	173	63
dba Heller Bar Excursions			
dba Idaho Rivers Navigation			
dba Rivers Navigation			
LAMM, Alan - Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.	55	3	1
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Snake River Adventures	182	116	37
ODEGAARD, Butch and Debi - River Quest Excursions	85	26	29
SCHULTZ, Jason - Hells Canyon Sport Fishing	6	4	0
TAYLOR, Reed - Two River Tours, Inc.	85	6	1
VOGEL, Don - Vogel Outdoor Adventures	7	5	5
YATES, Mark - Hells Canyon Adventures III, LLC	397	235	0
SMITH, Mike - Z & S Outfitters, Inc	6	5	2
TOTAL	1,436	799	164
2007	1,436	1,039	267

Boat Days included in this total are:

- 1) All boat days used, as documented by commercial manifests, in the Wild River seven days a week in the Scenic River on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.
- 2) Temporary use (one season) of another outfitter's boat days. Agreement per the Annual Operating Plan, signed by both outfitters and a copy on file in the Clarkston Office.

**** Plus Boat Days from the Riggins Pool (total of 70)**

COMMERCIAL FLOAT USE - JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2008

COMMERCIAL FLOAT OUTFITTERS	TRIPS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
ARENTSEN, Paul - Winding Waters Rafting	12	128	482
ARMACOST, Bret - Hells Canyon Adventures II, Inc. - One Day Float	42	502	502
ARMACOST, Kurt - Hells Canyon Raft, Inc.	24	265	999
BAUGH, JESS –Mountain River Outfitters, LLC.	9	65	198
GRUBB, Peter - River Odysseys West (ROW)	14	216	1078
HAUPTMAN, George - Canyon Outfitters, Inc.	9	59	236
CHARLOTTE HANNA - Idaho Afloat	7	40	126
HUGHES, Jerry - Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.	27	278	1101
KOCH, Jim and Jill - Heller Bar Excursions Float	3	15	57
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Adventures Afloat - One Day Float	3	16	56
NACHMAN, Andy - Northwest Voyageurs	11	74	266
STEWART, Frogg - Holiday River Expeditions of Idaho, Inc.	4	46	126
WARREN, Jacob - North Star River Expeditions, Inc.	15	156	456
WENDT, George (Curt Chang) - OARS-DORIES, Inc.	20	207	907
ZOLLER, Mark ~ Zollers Outdoor Odysseys, Inc.	4	30	120
TOTAL (2008)	204	2,097	6,710
TOTAL (2007)	202	2,130	5,750





COMMERCIAL FLOAT USE - PRIMARY SEASON 2008

COMMERCIAL FLOAT OUTFITTERS	TRIPS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
ARENTSEN, Paul - Winding Waters Rafting	9	104	400
ARMACOST, Bret - Hells Canyon Adventures II, Inc. - One Day Float	40	481	481
ARMACOST, Kurt - Hells Canyon Raft, Inc.	23	261	1101
BAUGH, Jess – Mountain River Outfitters, LLC.	9	65	198
GRUBB, Peter - River Odysseys West (ROW)	13	200	998
HAUPTMAN, George - Canyon Outfitters, Inc.	6	42	168
HANNA, Charlotte – Idaho Afloat	7	36	126
HUGHES, Jerry - Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.	26	278	1101
KOCH, Jim and Jill - Heller Bar Excursions Float	3	15	57
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Adventures Afloat - One Day Float	3	16	56
NACHMAN, Andy - Northwest Voyageurs	10	68	248
STEWART, Frogg - Holiday River Expeditions of Idaho, Inc.	4	46	126
WARREN, Jacob - North Star River Expeditions, Inc.	11	100	317
WENDT, George (Curt Chang) – Oars and Dories, Inc.	19	192	832
ZOLLER, Mark - Zoller's Outdoor Odyssey's Inc.	3	20	90
TOTAL	186	1,924	6,299
TOTAL (2007)	175	1,932	6,052

POWERBOAT RESERVATION TOTALS 2008

AVAILABLE WILD RESERVATIONS: 666

WILD RESERVATIONS USED: 434

WILD RESERVATIONS NOT USED: 232

RESERVATIONS FROM WAITING LIST: 86

AVAILABLE SCENIC RESERVATIONS: 918

SCENIC RESERVATIONS USED: 586

SCENIC RESERVATIONS NOT USED: 332

AVAILABLE SALMON ACCESS: 255

SALMON RESERVATIONS USED: 112

SALMON RESERVATIONS NOT USED: 143

TOTAL POWER RESERVATIONS: 1,132 (1,146~ 2007)

TOTAL POWER CANCELATIONS: 435 (415~ 2007)

TOTAL NO-SHOWS: 16 (17~ 2007)



PRIVATE POWERBOAT USE - PRIMARY SEASON 2008

LAUNCH LOCATION	TRIPS	PEOPLE	SERVICE DAYS
CACHE CREEK	955	4,432	11,792
DUG BAR	4	8	16
PITTSBURG LANDING	273	1239	4,227
HELLS CANYON CREEK	50	205	443
TOTAL	1,282	5,884	16,478
(2007)	1,471	6,395	12,208

PRIVATE POWERBOAT USE - SECONDARY SEASON 2008

LAUNCH LOCATION	TRIPS	PEOPLE	SERVICE DAYS
CACHE CREEK	1,142	4,384	7,784
DUG BAR	0	0	0
PITTSBURG LANDING	389	1,521	4,352
HELLS CANYON CREEK	319	1,143	2,069
TOTAL	1850	7,048	14,205
2007	2052	7,394	12,286

TOTAL PRIVATE POWERBOAT TRIPS = 3,132

TOTAL POWERBOAT PASSENGERS = 12,932

TOTAL POWERBOAT SERVICE DAYS = 30,683 (24,494 ~ 2007)



PERCENT BY DESTINATION --- COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE FLOAT --- PRIMARY SEASON 2008

BY PERCENTAGE	
PITTSBURG LANDING	57.3
JETBOAT BACK TO DAM	12.2
DUG BAR	.2
HELLER BAR	26.6
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TOTAL	100

PERCENT BY DESTINATION -- COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE FLOAT -- SECONDARY SEASON 2008

BY PERCENTAGE	
PITTSBURG LANDING	84.3
JETBOAT BACK TO DAM	7.5
DUG BAR	0
HELLER BAR	3.7
OTHER	4.5
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TOTAL	100



PRIVATE FLOAT USE - PRIMARY SEASON 2008

LAUNCH LOCATION	TRIPS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
HELLS CANYON CREEK	225	2074	8,818
PITTSBURG	8	32	194
TOTAL	233	2,106	9,012

PRIVATE FLOAT USE - SECONDARY SEASON 2008

LAUNCH LOCATION	TRIPS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
HELLS CANYON CREEK	134	986	3277
PITTSBURG	10	28	72
TOTAL	154	1,014	4,349

TOTAL PRIVATE FLOAT TRIPS 2008 = 387

TOTAL FLOAT PASSENGERS 2008 = 3,120

TOTAL SERVICE DAYS = 13,361 (11,735 ~ 2007)



FLOAT RESERVATION SYSTEM - PRIMARY SEASON 2008

	COMMERCIAL	PRIVATE
AVAILABLE LAUNCHES	222	333
ACTUAL LAUNCHES	143	233
(COMMERCIAL ONE-DAY FLOATS)	40	
* NO-SHOWS	0	22
** RESERVATION CANCELLATIONS	77	245
SCENIC FLOAT LAUNCHES	1	8

FLOAT CRAFT LAUNCHED AT HELLS CANYON CREEK 2008

RAFT	1,180
KAYAK	66
DORY / DRIFT	26
INFLATABLE KAYAK	340
CANOE	6
<i>TOTAL CRAFT</i>	<i>1,618</i>



RESERVED FLOAT LAUNCHES - PRIMARY SEASON 2008

MONTH		COMMERCIAL	PRIVATE	TOTAL
MAY	TRIPS	11	7	18
	PASSENGERS	97	41	138
	SERV DAYS	242	84	326
JUN	TRIPS	44	58	102
	PASSENGERS	466	517	983
	SERV DAYS	1,542	1,895	3,437
JUL	TRIPS	51	58	109
	PASSENGERS	602	620	1,222
	SERV DAYS	1888	2,388	4,276
AUG	TRIPS	58	72	130
	PASSENGERS	682	606	1,288
	SERV DAYS	2190	2,490	4,680
SEP	TRIPS	11	20	31
	PASSENGERS	85	150	235
	SERV DAYS	190	634	824
TOTALS	TRIPS	175	215	390
	PASSENGERS	1,932	1934	3,866
	SERV DAYS	6,052	7491	13,543



***RIVER USE BY USER GROUP -
PRIMARY SEASON 2008***

USER GROUP	PEOPLE	SERVICE DAYS
Commercial Powerboat Passengers	20,522	21,295
Private Powerboaters	5,884	16,478
Sub-Total	26,406	37,773
Commercial Float Passengers	1,924	6,299
Private Floaters	2,106	9,012
Sub-Total	4,030	15,311
<i>TOTAL RIVER USE (PEOPLE)</i>	30,436	<i>TOTAL SERVICE DAYS: 53,084</i>

**Total People (both user groups) during Primary Season 2007 = 33,836
~ Service Days = 50,189**



RIVER USE BY USER GROUP
January -December - 2008

USER GROUP	PEOPLE	SERVICE DAYS
Commercial Powerboat	30,334	34,663
Private Powerboaters	12,932	30,638
TOTAL	43,266	65,301
(2007)	52,024	65,117
(2006)	43,104	55,341
(2005)	47,845	60,924
Commercial Float	2,081	6,528
Private Floaters	3,120	13,361
TOTAL	5,201	19,889
Sub-Total (2007)	5,284	17,485
Sub-Total (2006)	4,849	16,427
Sub-Total (2005)	4,553	15,724
TOTAL RIVER USE 2008	48,467	85,190
(2007)	57,308	82,602
(2006)	47,953	71,768
(2005)	52,398	76,648



<p style="text-align: center;"><i>VISITORS TO NORTHERN POWERBOAT PORTAL CACHE CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE SITE 2008</i></p>

JANUARY	58
FEBRUARY	102
MARCH	140
APRIL	1027
MAY	1600
JUNE	3229
JULY	3762
AUGUST	3214
SEPTEMBER	2112
OCTOBER	997
NOVEMBER	158
DECEMBER	17
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>16,416</i>





<i>VISITORS TO KIRKWOOD 2008</i>

JANUARY	51
FEBRUARY	47
MARCH	688
APRIL	1,095
MAY	2,146
JUNE	3,478
JULY	4,324
AUGUST	2,577
SEPTEMBER	2,410
OCTOBER	561
NOVEMBER	143
DECEMBER	21
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>17,541</i>

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT PASSENGERS AND GUIDES	4,420
COMMERCIAL FLOAT PASSENGERS AND GUIDES	2,536
PRIVATE POWERBOAT PASSENGERS	195
PRIVATE FLOAT PASSENGERS	2,053
DRIVE IN VISITORS	8762
FISHING	374
HIKING	599
DOWN RIVER VISITORS	2809
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>2008 21,748</i>





(Getta Creek in Hells Canyon 1937)

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